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Wednesday Lenten Service



Realization of our Rest

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands,
let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

Hebrews 4:1

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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



Opening Hymn

LSB 607

“From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee”



1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and
 2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - veil To blot out
 3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in
 4 And though it tar - ry through the night And till the
 5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -



trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious
 my trans - gres - sion; The best and ho - liest
 mine own mer - it; It rests up - on His
 morn - ing wak - en, My heart shall nev - er
 bun - dant fa - vor; His hand of mer - cy



ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.
 deeds must fail To break sin's dread op - pres - sion.
 faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it
 doubt His might Nor count it - self for - sak - en.
 nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.



If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en
 Be - fore Thee none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear Thy
 That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com - fort
 O Is - rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir - it
 Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?
 strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.
 and the Word, Now wait for His ap - pear - ing.
 Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - row.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Text and tune: Martin Luther, 1483-1546 Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation

P- In the name of the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit.

C- Amen.

Opening Versicles

Lent *LSB 260*

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Psalm Responsive Reading *Psalm 90*

P ¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place
C **in all generations.**
P ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or
ever you had formed the earth and the world,
C **from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
P ³You return man to dust
C **and say, "Return, O children of man!"**
P ⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
C **or as a watch in the night.**
P ⁵You sweep them away as with a flood;
C **they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:**
P ⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
C **in the evening it fades and withers.**
P ⁷For we are brought to an end by your anger;
C **by your wrath we are dismayed.**
P ⁸You have set our iniquities before you,
C **our secret sins in the light of your presence.**
P ⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath;
C **we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**
P ¹⁰The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
C **yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.**
P ¹¹Who considers the power of your anger,
C **and your wrath according to the fear of you?**
P ¹²So teach us to number our days
C **that we may get a heart of wisdom.**
P ¹³Return, O LORD! How long?
C **Have pity on your servants!**
P ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast
love,
C **that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**
P ¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have
afflicted us,
C **and for as many years as we have seen evil.**
P ¹⁶Let your work be shown to your servants,

C **and your glorious power to their children.**
P ¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
C **yes, establish the work of our hands!**

Hymn LSB 610
“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 365–c. 414; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–96, alt. Tune: William Daman, c. 1540–1591 Text and tune: Public domain

Readings
Deuteronomy 34:1–9

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Hebrews 3:12—4:1

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,
“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”
¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?
¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

Message Realization of Our Rest

Prayers

Prayer for pardon, growth in grace, and divine protection

P O Lord, our God, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the mercy and grace that our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have known. We sincerely repent of the sins of this day and those in the past. Pardon our offenses, correct and reform what is lacking in us, and help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Inscribe Your law upon our hearts, and equip us to serve You with holy and blameless lives. May each day remind us of the coming of the night when no one can work. In the emptiness of this present age keep us united by a living faith through the power of Your Holy Spirit with Him who is the resurrection and the life, that we may escape the eternal bitter pains of condemnation. By Your Holy Spirit bless the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments. Preserve these gifts to us and to all Christians. Guard and protect us from all dangers to body and soul. Grant that we may with faithful perseverance receive from You our sorrows as well as our joys, knowing that health and sickness, riches and poverty, and all things come by permission of Your fatherly hand. Keep us this day under Your protective care and preserve us, securely trusting in Your everlasting goodness and love, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 935

"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of His name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of His might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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